




## Ambassador (clipper)

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Coordinates:  52°34'03"S 70°04'07"W

**Ambassador** is a [United Kingdom tea clipper](#) built in 1869. She was a [composite clipper](#), built with wooden planking over an iron skeleton and was W. Lund & Co's first tea clipper. She is now a beached wreck in southern [Chile](#).

## History [[edit source](#)]

William Walker built *Ambassador* at Lavender Dry Dock in London.

Though considered a fast ship, *Ambassador* was said to be "very cranky and overmasted".<sup>[2]</sup> Her first passage to the UK from Foochow came during the Tea Race of 1870 under Captain Duggan and took 115 days, a mediocre performance; that same year the fastest tea passage, also from Foochow, was made by the clipper *Lahloo* (clipper) in just 98 days. *Ambassador*'s fastest passage between China and England was 108 days, in 1872.<sup>[2]</sup>

*Ambassador* has been beached at Estancia [San Gregorio, Chile](#) since 1899.<sup>[3]</sup> In 1973 Chile declared her a historic monument.<sup>[4]</sup>

The wreck is now reduced to a skeletal frame.<sup>[5][6]</sup>

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Better preserved composite ship constructions include:

- *City of Adelaide* (1864), passenger clipper relocated from Scotland to [Adelaide](#) in 2014
- *Cutty Sark* (1869), tea-clipper in [Greenwich](#), England
- *HMS Gannet* (1878), a Naval sloop in [Chatham](#), England
- *PS Oscar W* (1908), a paddle steamer at [Goolwa](#) on the [River Murray](#), [South Australia](#)

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## Ambassador

History	
	<b>United Kingdom</b>
Name:	<i>Ambassador</i>
Owner:	W. Lund & Co
Builder:	William Walker, Lavender Dry Dock, <a href="#">London</a>
Launched:	1869
Out of service:	1896
Status:	Condemned 1895; beached & abandoned hulk <sup>[1]</sup>
General characteristics	
Class and type:	<a href="#">Composite clipper</a>
Tonnage:	692 <a href="#">GRT</a> <sup>[1]</sup>
Length:	176.0 ft (53.6 m) <sup>[1]</sup>
Beam:	31.3 ft (9.5 m) <sup>[1]</sup>
Depth:	19.1 ft (5.8 m) <sup>[1]</sup>
Sail plan:	<a href="#">fully rigged ship</a> (from 1869) <a href="#">barque</a> (from 1874) <sup>[1]</sup>

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